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Unitary shipments-----

March down 13%, year down 15%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Combined U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air source heat pumps dropped 13 percent in March, compared to March 1989, down 15 percent compared to last year's January-March figures. Heat pump shipments alone fell for the first time this year, down 18 percent compared to March 1989, according to ARI statistics.

U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during March:

- o totalled 367,359,
- o down 13% from March 1989,
- o year-to-date total 956,480,
- o down 15% from January-March 1989.

Heat pump shipments included in the March figures:

- o totalled 65,862,
- o down 18% from March 1989,
- o year-to-date total 203,424,
- o down 4% from January-March 1989.

March factory stocks:

- o down 17,735 units from February,
- o up 18,051 units from March 1989.

March distributor shipments:

- o down 12% from March 1989,
- o year-to-date shipments down 13%.

March distributor inventories:

- o up 46,018 units from February,
- o up 150,048 units from March 1989.

March U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o up 10% from March 1989,
- o year-to-date down 3%.

March U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o down 6% from March 1989,
- o year-to-date total down 20%.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary.)

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CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE

Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's
Reports of U.S. Manufacturers Shipments

UNITED STATES

SIZE BTUH (000)		NUMBER OF UNITS CONDENSER-TYPE AIR/EVAP COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1989	
Under 16.5		4,037	0	4,037	+23.8	
16.5-21.9		29,417	0	29,417	-.5	
22 -26.9		76,461	0	76,461	-23.1	
27 -32.9		71,064	0	71,064	-23.0	
33 -38.9		79,842	58	79,900	-15.9	
39 -43.9		28,592	0	28,592	-2.3	
44 -53.9		32,096	0	32,096	+1.7	
54 -64.9		31,663	103	31,766	+13.8	
65 -96.9		5,428	91	5,519	+6.3	
97 -134.9		3,770	93	3,863	+5.0	
135 -184.9		2,035	54	2,089	+.5	
185 -249.9		1,028	33	1,061	+19.3	
250 -319.9		487	9	496	+38.2	
320 -379.9		258	24	282	-4.4	
380 -539.9		198	42	240	-12.4	
540 -639.9		94	13	107	-17.1	
640 & Over		325	44	369	-1.3	
TOTAL		366,795	564	367,359	-12.8	